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**UPCOMING BOARD AGENDA ITEM -- REQUEST FROM LA PUENTE VALLEY
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS
WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION**

La Puente Valley County Water District is requesting that your Board authorize the consolidation of its Board Member elections with the Statewide Primary Elections held in June of each even-numbered year.

Your Board's policy since 1981, reaffirmed by resolution in January 1987 and by subsequent Board action throughout 2005, has been to deny requests for consolidation of local elections with statewide Primary or General elections. This policy is based on the finite ballot capacity of the County's past and current voting systems (i.e. Votomatic punch card and InkaVote optical scan systems, respectively).

Because these systems have limited space for election contests and ballot propositions and because Statewide Primary Election ballots are so long and complex, allowing other jurisdictions to consolidate their regular elections on this date invites the very real probability that there would be insufficient space on the ballot to accommodate all the election contests from numerous requesting jurisdictions.

Jurisdictions are urged to consolidate with the November odd-year election cycle (UDEL) because it guarantees sufficient ballot space as statewide races are not scheduled on that date. La Puente Valley County Water District's Board Member elections are currently held on the UDEL as are the elections for the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District and the City of La Puente.

The County's 88 cities, 85 school districts and numerous other jurisdictions within the County cannot all be accommodated on the Primary or General election dates; your Board's policy of denying specific requests for exceptions to the established policy has preserved fairness in the County's relationship with all jurisdictions within its boundaries.

For the reasons outlined above, we recommend that your Board deny the Water District's request.